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SUBJ: PRG LIAISON OFFICE AT UN: UN SPOKESMAN

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1. WE HAVE OBTAINED INTERNAL UN SECRETARIAT (OPI)
DAILY PRESS BRIEFING SUMMARY FOR APRIL 10 (BRIEFLY
CHARACTERIZED REFTEL). THIS SUMMARY RESTRICTED TO UN
INTERNAL USE AND THUS NOT ORDINARILY AVAILABLE TO USUN.
FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF NOON BRIEFING SEGMENT DEVOTED TO
PRG ISSUE.

QTE:. ON ANOTHER MATTER, A CORRESPONDENT NOTED THAT YES-
TERDAY MR. POWELL HAD SAID THAT A RESPONSE TO THE COMMUNICATION
OF MADAME BINH OF THE PROVISIONAL REVOLUNTIONARY GOVERNMENT
(PRG) OF SOUTH VIET- NAM WAS " IN THE PROCESS OF BEING
TRANSMITTED". TODAY, AN ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH FROM PARIS
QUOTED THE SECRETARY GENERAL AS SAYING HE HAD NOT DECIDED WHETHER
TO ALLOW THE VIET- CONG TO SEND AN OBSERVER TO THE UNITED
NATIONS.

MR. POWELL SAID ON THIS POINT THAT THE SECRETARY GENERAL' S
REPRESENTATIVE, RAYMOND AUBRAC, WAS IN CONTACT WITH THE
REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PRG IN PARIS IN ORDER TO DISCUSS
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THE DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF THE PROBLEM " IN VIEW OF THE
CONVERSATIONS NOW UNDERWAY", HE SAID, " I CANNOT TELL YOU

MORE AT THIS STAGE".

HE WAS THEN ASKED WHETHER THE SUGGESTION HAD BEEN MADE
ORIGINALLY BY THE SECRETARY- GENERAL OR HAD COME UP DURING
THE CONVERSATIONS THE SECRETARY- GENERAL HAD HAD WITH MADAMEZED PREFERENCES HAS CLEARLY
BROUGHT OUT CERTAIN INADEQUACIES WITH REGARD TO THEIR CONTENT
AND ADMINISTRATION;

RECOGNIZING THE NEED TO SUBSTANTIALLY IMPROVE THE CONTENT AND
ADMINISTRATION OF THE SCHEMES OF GENERALIZED PREFERENCES, IN
PARTICULAR THE PRODUCT COVERAGE, DEPTH OF TARIFF CUT, ESCAPE
CLAUSE AND SAFEGUARD MECHANISM, RULES OF ORIGIN, AND ADMINISTRATIVE
PROCEDURES;

RECALLING THAT DURING THE ADOPTION OF THE AGREED CONCLUSIONS ON
THE SCHEME THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PREFERENCES RECOGNIZED THAT THE
LEAST- DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WOULD NOT BENEFIT FROM THE SCHEME UNLESS
PRODUCTS FALLING UNDER BTNS ONE TO TWENTY- FOUR ARE INCLUDED;

RECALLING FURTHER THAT PREFERENCE- GIVING COUNTRIES AGREED AT
THAT TIME TO CONSIDER THE INCLUSION OF EXPORT PRODUCTS OF LDCS,
ON A ZERO TARIFF DUTY AND NO CEILING, IN THEIR DIFFERENT SCHEMES;

AWARE THAT MANY PRODUCTS OF CURRENT AND POTENTIAL EXPORT INTEREST
TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, WHOSE PRODUCTION IS INCLUDED IN THEIR
NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLANS AND PRIORITIES ARE EXCLUDED FROM THE
SCHEMES OF GENERALIZED PREFERENCES;

CONSIDERING THAT THE BENEFITS UNDER THE SCHEMES OF GENERALIZED
PREFERENCES ARE BEING ERODED BY THE ENLARGEMENT OF REGIONAL/ ECON-
OMIC GROUPINGS AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FREE TRADE ARRANGEMENTS
AMONG DEVELOPED COUNTRIES;

CONSIDERING THAT THE MFN TARIFF REDUCTIONS WHICH MAY RESULT
FROM THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN IN
THE GATT IN 1973 WILL FURTHER ERODE THE BENEFITS UNDER THE SCHEMES
OF GENERALIZED PREFERENCES;

TAKING NOTE OF THE REPORT OF THE UNCTAD SECRETARIAT ON QUOTE
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN CONNEXION WITH THE GSP END QUOTE
(TD/ B/ C.5/10) AND OF THE FUTURE WORK PROGRAMME OF THE UNDP-
FINANCED INTER- REGIONAL PROJECT;

EXPRESSING SATISFACTION WITH THE ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT BY THE
UNDP- FINANCED INTER- REGIONAL PROJECT DURING THE PERIOD OF ITS
OPERATION;

IN ORDER TO FULLY ACHIEVE THE OBJECTIVES OF THE GENERALIZED
SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES AS SET OUT IN RESOLUTION 21(II) AND TO GIVE
FULL EFFECT TO THE AGREED CONCLUSION:

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URGES THE US AND CANADA TO IMPLEMENT THEIR SCHEMES WITHOUT ANY
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FURTHER DELAY. (SUBJECT TO CORRIGENDUM.)

II

TAKES NOTE OF THE IMPLEMENTATION BY THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES OF
EASTERN EUROPE WHICH MAINTAINED CUSTOMS TARIFFS AND URGES THEM TO
EFFECT NECESSARY IMPROVEMENTS IN THE DIRECTION OF INTER ALIA PRO-
CUREMENT, MARKETING AND DISTRIBUTION, AND BETTER TERMS FOR THE

PRODUCTS IMPORTED FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

III

1. REQUESTS THE IREFERENCE GIVING COUNTRIES, INCLUDING AUSTRALIA,
TO SUBSTANTIALLY AND IMMEDIATELY IMPROVE THEIR EXISTING SCHEMES
OF GENRAL PREFERENCES, AND IN PARTICULAR:

(1) ALL PROCESSED AND SEMI- PROCESSED AGRICULTURAL AND PRIMARY
PRODUCTS IN CHAPTERS 1-24 OF THE BTN S

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